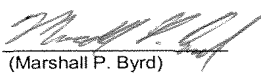


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2008, and is timely by virtue of the request for three-month extension of time and fees included herewith. Should any additional fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855, under order no. 31127/43656C. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification: none.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.